

# Dave Wittner Bio

Dave Wittner has been employed by the City of Mandeville as Superintendent of Water and Wastewater since March 1990. He is responsible for managing a staff of 17 employees that work to provide safe drinking water to 12,000 citizens of Mandeville as well as sanitary sewer treatment utilizing low energy biological filtration that releases effluent to the Pontchartrain Estuary.

Mandeville's drinking water comes from a confined aquifer located at a depth over 1900 feet. The department continuously monitors the groundwater system that includes five wells and one elevated storage tank. In addition, the Water Department is responsible for maintaining water pressure throughout the system essential for fire protection. The City's wastewater is collected and sent to the treatment plant through over 70 lift stations, where a biological treatment process takes place prior to final discharge into Bayou Chinchuba for tertiary treatment via wetlands assimilation.

Wittner's first experience in the water industry came from working in "inner space" as a Deep Sea Diver. In this position he operated life support systems, practiced hyperbaric medicine and was a team member building and maintaining offshore drilling, underwater production rigs and platforms. Other work experiences include working in the oil refineries, as a Millwright in product manufacturing, and maintaining equipment for the treatment of process water.

Dave holds Class IV certifications in both Water and Wastewater and enjoys sharing his professional experiences by teaching water and wastewater classes while serving as the Capital Regions Organizational Chairman and as their first elected Chairman. Other professional affiliations include Chairman of the Committee of Operator Certification, President of the North Lake Chapter of the American Publics Association, and Trustee for the Southwest Section of the American Water Works Association.

Wittner has been a resident of the North shore since the early 90s. When not working, he can be found with his wife and children writing music, producing music videos for "You Tube", hunting, fishing and camping.